

A short reflection on Trinity Sunday by the Columba Community

When we begin our prayer, we make the sign of the cross and when we pray the Glory be... we are entering into that great mystery we call the Holy Trinity. We ask the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the three persons in one God, to be present with us.

Often, we read of the Trinity as “the dance of love” the eternal, mutual love that cannot be broken, the endless movement of life-giving creativity. As believers we are invited into the dance, held in the threefold embrace of God. The Trinity modelling for us that relationship of love calls us into deeper relationship with one another. The trinity always the image of unity and harmony will put the desire in our own hearts to live at peace with one another, enriched and able to embrace our differences.

Surely this is the message our wounded, fractured world needs?

Our Celtic saints had a deep love for the Trinity. The Celtic knot symbol was used to explain the interconnectedness of God, humanity and creation.

In the beautiful hymn attributed to Patrick he writes “I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity ...the three in one and one in three.”

On this Trinity Sunday let us reflect on the desire and invitation of God that we enter more fully into the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit who show us the way to live at peace with ourselves and with one another.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray that our seminarians and those men discerning a vocation to the priesthood for the diocese will have, as St Paul says in the second reading, the "perseverance" that brings "hope."

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025: starts on Friday 25th July and concludes on Sunday 27th July. For those wishing to avail of transport, a bus will depart after 10:00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on the Friday; it will travel via Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost: £95/€110 (including transport). Pre-booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or phone the Diocese Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for a booking form.

As the pilgrims of St Eugene's Parish journey to Knock today, we ask that they keep us in their prayers. We pray that God remains with them on this holy pilgrimage, and may He guide their way in accord with His will. We ask that He shelters them with His protection by day, give them the light of His grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”. Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Christine McCormack
Susan Monaghan
Chris McLaughlin
Kealan Kelly**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Denis Doherty
Betty (Sherrard) Doherty
Patrick Hughes
Mary Hughes
Patricia Hughes
Franco Hickey
Martha Sherrard**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Danny Paul Heaney
Rían Damien Arbuckle
Lola Rose McLaughlin**

Collection

Weekly Collection: £ 4,628

Parish Development: £921

Thank you for your generosity

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Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Mary's Meals: £20

Gaza Appeal: £50, £20, £20

Water Aid: £20

Readers for 21st /22nd June

06.15 pm	Mary Morrison
07.30 pm	Amulya George/ Uju A
09.30 am	Kevin Finan
11.00 am	St Eugene's PS
12.30 pm	Rosemary Finan
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a powerful symbol of Christ's boundless love and mercy for humanity. During this special time, we are invited to draw closer to His heart through prayer, acts of charity, and devotion. Let us take this opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus, trusting in His infinite compassion and divine love.

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 22nd June at 3.00 pm. Please be in position at 2.30 pm. Families are asked to bring their own holy water to the Cemetery for the blessing of the graves. At the appropriate time Bishop McKeown will ask a representative of each family to sprinkle their family grave (and neighbouring grave if there is no-one present). There will be no holy water in the Cemetery. 130 car parking spaces will be made available for Blue Badge holders within the Cemetery. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis to current Blue Badge holders and can be booked at www.derrystrabane.com/cemeterysunday.

There will be no vehicle access to the cemetery from 12pm to facilitate preparations for the service. Access will only be given to those who have registered with gates remaining open until 2pm. Those who have secured a space must be in place by 2pm, as there will be no access for vehicles after this time.

Other car parking will be available for blue badge holders at St Mary's Church, Creggan, St Cecilia's College and Celtic Park. Booking is not required, and access will only be given to vehicles that display a current Disability Blue Badge Permit on arrival.

For visitors parking outside the cemetery, we ask that you please park in appropriate areas and be considerate of people living in the area. Do not block roadways, footpaths, or gateways when parking. This is an important time of prayer for families who are remembering loved ones, and we ask that everyone is respectful and mindful of other visitors during the service. We encourage those attending to arrive in good time, and to adhere to the advice of the stewards. We would greatly appreciate cooperation with staff to ensure everyone can have safe and easy access to this time of prayer.

The Service will also be live streamed and available to view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jwxjiwtrdi4>

'Vulnerable to delight' - Seamus Heaney: Poet of Childhood. A lecture presented by Dr, Gary Wade (Adjunct Lecturer, University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Australia) will take place at St. Columb's College, Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 4.15 p.m. To book places please email: info@stcolumbs.derry.ni.sch.uk or telephone 02871 285000. Light refreshments served afterwards. All Welcome!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 - Bishop McKeown will offer Mass for intending pilgrims in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown Road Derry on Monday 23rd June at 7 pm. After Mass pilgrim packs including tickets will be distributed. Those who cannot attend should arrange for someone to collect their tickets.

St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website. The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board, or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596500793 or at mariegormley@derrydiocese.org or contact the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

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